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U.S. 59 bridge replacement underway north of Garnett

Earlier this month the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) began a project to replace the bridge over Pottawatomie Creek on U.S. 59 in Anderson County. The bridge is located approximately three miles north of Garnett.

The new bridge is to be constructed on an offset highway alignment just west of the current bridge. The speed limit has been reduced to 50 miles per hour through the work zone. Traffic is continuing to use the existing bridge on the current highway alignment, and is not expected to be significantly delayed during most of the construction phases.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of $5.2 million to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. The project is expected to be finished and the new bridge open to traffic by the summer of 2016.

This preservation project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions may contact KDOT Garnett Area Construction Engineer Donna Schmit at (785) 448-5446, or Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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